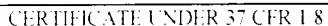


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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed October 22, 2002, said period of response being extended from January 22, 2003 to February 22, 2003.

Our check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.



Respectfully submitted,

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